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In re Application of: George PRINCE  
Application No. 09/836,890  
Filed: April 17, 2001  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
PROVIDING DIGITAL MESSAGING  
SERVICES

**DECISION SUA SPONTE  
WITHDRAWING HOLDING  
OF ABANDONMENT**

This is a decision, *sua sponte*, withdrawing the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

This application is held abandoned for failure to timely file a reply to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences Decision mailed February 19, 2010. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed on April 27, 2010.

A review of the file record indicates that the examiner was sustained in part, the Decision affirmed the rejection(s) against independent claim 1 and dependent claims 3-4, 5-7 and 22, but reversed all rejections against claim 21 dependent thereon. There are no allowed claims in the application and the time for seeking court review has passed without such review being sought. The examiner, however, did not (1) Convert the dependent claims into independent forms or (2) Set a 1-month time limit in which the appellant may rewrite the dependent claim in independent format. On April 27, 2010, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed for failure to timely file a proper response to the Decision of February 19, 2010. Thus, the Notice of Abandonment was **premature**.

Although no petition or request to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this application has been filed, the **holding of Abandonment is hereby withdrawn**.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for proper treatment of the application following the Decision of February 19, 2010.

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